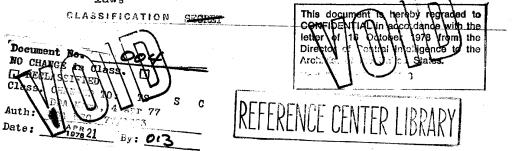


- 1. At a special conference in connection with the SED convention in Berlin, Walter Ulbricht issued instructions to KFD leaders from western Germany. He predicted that conditions in the coming winter will be so bad that the population in the West will be an easy target for KFD propaganda. He instructed the KPD leaders to channel their work through the trade unions in order to camouflage their Communist aims. Propaganda is to center on the diamantling question. Strikes, the revolutionary weapon of the working class, must be used during this autumn and winter in order to achieve a decisive victory.
- 2. An objection was raised at this point to the effect that SED approval of dismantling in the Russian Zone and the cutlawing of strikes precludes the KFD from taking a diametrically opposite stand in the Vest. Ulbricht replied that diemantling in the Russian Zone took place under the pressure of war-time conditions; now, however, the workers of the world are united against their foe, the occupying powers in the West are no longer to be considered as "Allies", and, therfore, strikes are justifiable and permissible. The KFD must make every use of the freedom granted it by western democracy in order to destroy the latter. Strikes are the strongest weapon available. A strike against the dismantling of a factory cannot fail to win support for Communism and for the working class. According to Ulbricht the USSR will lend increasing support to such action (strikes).
- 3. Ulbricht informed the KPD leaders that it will be necessary for all Communists holding public office to resign in order not to compromise themselves and in order to give the party greater freedom of action.
- 4. Ulbricht indicated that one purpose in demanding strikes now is to embarrass the Western Powers at the London Conference by creating public unrest in their zones.

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